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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: DINNER SCENARIO

REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 1366, (B) DAR ES SALAAM 1377

1. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, ANTONY NYAKYI, CALLED AMBASSADOR TO HIS OFFICE MORNING OF APR 21 TO STATE APOLOGETICALLY THAT TANZANIAN DINNER FOR SECRETARY ON EVENING OF APRIL 25 (PARA 4, REF A) WILL BE HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA RATHER THAN PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA.

2. NYAKYI EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY, TAKING LEAD FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE TO GO ALL OUT WITH VISIT, HAD OVERDONE THINGS AND THAT "PROTOCOL" (WHICH IN THIS CASE, WE THINK, SHOULD BE READ AS MEANING TANU PARTY STALWARTS) HAD OBJTED TO HAVING DINNER HOSTED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN SECRETARY'S COUNTERPART. THE CHANGE HAD THEREFORE BEEN MADE IN THE INTERESTS OF MAKING THE VISIT A COMPLETE SUCCESS BY ENSURING THAT EVERYBODY ON TANZANIAN SIDE WAS PLEASED WITH IT. THE CONFUSION ABOUT THE DINNER WAS, HE ADMITTED, AN ERROR FOR WHICH FOREIGN OFFICE WAS ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE.

3. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS AT THE CONFUSION ABOUT THE DINNER WHICH WE COULD NOT DENY WAS UNFORTUNATE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA WAS APPROPRIATE HOST TO GIVE DINNER IN SECRETARY'S HONOR. IF FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT, WE
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WOULD ACCEPT ITS JUDGEMENT.

4. NYAKYI ALSO NOTED THAT CABINET MEMBERS WHO HAD LITTLE CONCERN WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY AT 11:30 ON MORNING OF APRIL 26 (PARA 4, REF A; PARA 6, REF B). NYERERE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CABINET MEMBERS AND SENIOR ADVISORS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS.

5. COMMENT: HAVING FONMIN HOST DINNER FOR SECRETARY IS IMPECCABLE FROM PROTOCOL STANDPOINT. BELIEVE TANZANIANS ARE ACTUALLY AWARE OF THE CONFUSION THEY HAVE MANIFESTED TO US BY THIS CHANGE AND NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY RUBBING IT IN. CHANGE OF SECRETARY'S SESSION WITH CABINET TO GATHERING OF DEMONSTRABLY INTERESTED PARTIES IS PROBABLY A PLUS. WE WILL COMMENT ON PARTICIPANTS WHEN LIST IS MADE AVAILABLE TO US.
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